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Office of General Counsel

September 25, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
 In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
 Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to its May 23, 2001 Rural Task Force ("RTF") Order in the above-referenced proceeding, the Commission required states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the Commission and USAC stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission ruled that states should be required to file annual certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," consistent with Section 254(e).

This filing comports with the Commission's requirement. It lists the rural carriers operating in Illinois that certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

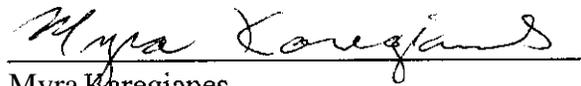
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In order to meet the new certification requirement, the ICC asked carriers to sign and return a notarized affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. With one exception, all carriers signed and returned the affidavits. Below is the list of carriers that successfully returned the affidavits. Attached to this letter are copies of the carriers' affidavits for your review.

September 25, 2002

Sincerely,

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION



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Encl.

LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE
ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORK TELEPHONE CO.
BERGEN TELEPHONE CO.
C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO.
CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS
CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC.
DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY
FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICAITONS OF LAKESIDE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC.
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.
GENESEO TELEPHONE CO.
GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY
GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY
GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL.
GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO.
HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP
HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.
HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.
HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY
ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY
KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
LAHARPE TELEPHONE CO. INC.
LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY
LEONORE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
MCNABB TELEPHONE CO.
MADISON TELEPHONE COMPANY
MARSEILLES TELEPHONE COMPANY
METAMORA TELEPHONE COMPANY
MID CENTURY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
MONTROSE MUTUAL TEL. CO.
MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
NEW WINDSOR TELEPHONE COMPANY

ONEIDA NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
ONEIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
OTE COMMUNICATIONS
REYNOLDS TELEPHONE CO.
SHARON TELEPHONE CO.
SHAWNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY
STELLE TELEPHONE CO.
TONICA TELEPHONE COMPANY
VERIZON SOUTH, INC.
VIOLA HOME TELEPHONE CO.
WABASH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
WOODHULL COMMUNITY TELEPHONE CO.
YATES CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY